

Truman Sees Israel Blast 'Anti-Semitic'

ISLAMORADA, Fla. —INS—
Former President Harry S. Truman took time out from his Florida vacation today to say he did not believe that sanctions should be applied against Israel.

The ex-chief executive said he did not hold with the theory, as expressed by President Eisenhower in his address to the nation last night, "that you do not interfere with the big nations but you must make the little ones obey."

Truman charged that many of the persons who are blaming Israel for the trouble in the Middle East "are anti-Semitic."

Asked specifically whether he believed that Israel was in fact the aggressor in the recent Middle East flare-up, Truman commented:

"You can't believe everything you read. You have to know what's behind the whole thing. I didn't get my information from newspapers when I could get it from the Central Intelligence Agency ... when I can't do now."

The former president said the present Middle East difficulties could have been averted had "we kept Russia out of the Mediterranean Sea and prevented them from sending arms to Egypt."

Truman refused to say what he would do to solve the current crisis. He said he had put forth a 10-point plan to the House committee on resolutions last week and referred reporters to this document.

He further said he did not "want to embarrass" President Eisenhower because, although he may have different political views, the President's job is "the toughest on earth."